



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Region 6  
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The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas  
Post Office Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 2012, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the 2012 update of the Nonpoint Source Management Program for Texas. We appreciate the efforts of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in preparing this update.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act Section 319(d), the EPA will conduct a review of the updated Management Program for consistency with requirements under the CWA Section 319(b) and notify the state of its findings.

I believe both state and federal agencies have an important responsibility to carry out our respective assignments. People need for government to work both efficiently and effectively. We share a common purpose and goal in fostering economic growth, and protecting our people and natural resources. Our federal and state employees are working together and getting the job done. I am pleased to report that Zak Covar and I have been working closely to make progress on many fronts and are committed to continuing to build on that success.

It is important for us to engage the citizens and the business community in our decisions. I recently traveled to Austin to meet with State Representative Keffer and members of the Texas Oil and Gas Association as well as joint meeting with TCEQ and Uranium Energy Corporation. I also had a positive meeting the Texas Pipeline Association regarding the efficient processing of greenhouse gas permits and spoke to the Texas Industry Project quarterly meeting in Houston. Clearly, these continued dialogues will help companies understand our actions and make the best business decisions.

I look forward to continuing to work with our State of Texas partners. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may contact Ms. Carmen Assunto, State and Local Government Liaison, at (214) 665-2200.

Sincerely,

Samuel Coleman, P.E.  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Zak Cover, Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board